

**Table E-3. Grade Classifications for Commercial and Industrial Structures**

	“AAA” Grade	“AA” Grade	“A” Grade	“B” Grade	“C” Grade	“D” Grade	“E” Grade
<b>General</b>	Design, craftsmanship, attention to detail, appointments, finishes, and materials of the highest quality	Architecturally attractive Custom built of the best quality materials and workmanship	Architecturally attractive Custom built of superior materials and workmanship	Architecturally attractive Constructed with good quality materials and workmanship	Moderately attractive Constructed with average quality materials and workmanship	Devoid of any architectural detail Constructed at the lowest possible cost but meets minimum codes	Devoid of any architectural detail Constructed with below standard materials, usually seconds, and poor workmanship
<b>Interior finish</b>	Very finest quality	Best quality	High quality	Good quality	Average quality	Moderate Quality	Unfinished
<b>Built-in features</b>	Substantial number and of the very finest quality; all the modern conveniences are provided	Extensive and of best quality	A few extras of high quality	Only those necessary for the type of occupancy	Only those necessary for the type of occupancy	Minimal	None
<b>Lighting and plumbing</b>	Very finest quality and well designed layouts	Best quality	High quality	Good quality	Standard quality	Moderate quality	Minimal of low quality
<b>Climate control system</b>	Large capacity Well insulated Zoned	Large capacity Well insulated Zoned	Adequate capacity Some insulation Zoned	Adequate capacity Some insulation Zoned	Standard quality	Moderate quality heating	Low quality or none
<b>Design</b>	Architecturally designed by a well known architect; one-of-a-kind structure	Architecturally designed Extensive architectural treatments	Architecturally designed Moderate architectural treatment	Contractor designed Moderate architectural treatment	Owner or contractor designed Minimal architectural treatment	Built from stock plans No architectural treatment	Unskilled, inexperienced, do-it-yourself construction Deficient in finishes